

CLAIMS

What we claim as our invention is:

1. An expandable hamper comprising an internal frame for supporting a snugly fitted bag or outer covering in a secure and upright position, said frame comprising a circular top, a circular base and at least six equal length leg members, said leg members attached to said top and said base vertically, parallel and at equal distances to one another, forming a cylindrical container with a top cover, for the storage of articles therein, said bag or covering having a flat, circular bottom and vertical sides.
2. The hamper bag or covering of claim 1 wherein the bag or covering is made of fabric, nylon webbing, or other similar lightweight material secured to said circular top frame and said leg members by a detachable fastening means thereto.
3. The frame of claim 1 wherein said frame is fabricated from plastic or other lightweight and pliant material, or combination thereof, of various sizes and shapes, with each leg member divided into three equal parts joined together by hinges at points a third and two thirds of the length of said leg members and joined to said top and said base by hinges.
4. The frame of claim 3 wherein said hinges lock said leg members in the vertical position until downward pressure is applied to the top frame to unlock said hinges and cause the top third and bottom third portions of said leg members to move outward at 45-degree angles from the vertical, where they again lock in place while the middle third portion remains in the upright vertical orientation.

5. The frame of claim 4 wherein the top third portion and the bottom third portion of said leg members return to their original, vertical orientation when upward pressure is applied on the top frame to unlock said hinges and allow movement until they again lock in place at the original position.